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KUALA LUMPUR (15 OCTOBER 2021) - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) congratulates the Malaysian Government on its election as a member of the Human Rights Council for the term 2022 - 2024 with 183 votes. This is the third term for Malaysia since the Council first convened in June 2006. With its election to the Human Rights Council, the Government has also been entrusted with the responsibility to play a more influential role in the field of international human rights and to fulfil its obligation towards ensuring the enjoyment of human rights for all in Malaysia.

With the threat posed to human rights across the globe either due to the pandemic, climate crisis, or ongoing conflicts, among others, it is essential for Malaysia as a member of the Council to seriously look at those issues through the human rights lens and to engage with the other members of the Council and its Special Procedures. The Human Rights Council would aim to obtain the support and commitment of UN Member States to undertake steps to mitigate the human rights violations and to seek for more sustainable solutions.

SUHAKAM sees this as an opportunity for all human rights advocates, including the Commission itself, to strengthen its engagement with the Government and work with the Government to implement its Voluntary Pledges and Commitments.

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